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World hen egg production grew from 47,903,733 metric tons in 1998 to 54,564,492 MT in 2002. According to FAO statistics, in 2003, the top egg producing countries were China, the U.S., Japan, India and Russia. Compared to 1998 data, China increased by 27%, U.S. production rose by 8%, India by 36%, and Russia by 12 percent. Egg production in Japan fell about 2 percent.

Hen Shell Egg Production in metric tons

Country	1998	2000	2003
Brazil	1,389,539	1,509,464	1,550,000
China	17,531,550	19,432,880	22,332,500
France	1,023,000	1,038,000	919,392
Germany	855,000	901,000	843,000
India	1,623,000	1,749,000	2,200,000
Indonesia	392,892	642,000	790,304
Japan	2,536,035	2,535,417	2,500,000
Mexico	1,461,153	1,787,492	1,881,770
Russia	1,827,930	1,894,600	2,040,000
US	4,731,000	4,998,300	5,123,000
World	47,903,733	51,311,309	55,827,709

Exports of liquid and dried eggs grew from 151,037 MT in 1998 to 200,722 MT in 2003, an increase of 33 percent. Belgium went from being a net exporter in 1998 to a net importer by 2002. During this period, Belgium's egg product exports fell 65 percent while imports almost tripled. India's exports grew dramatically and German imports increased 28 percent. U.S. egg product exports were almost unchanged, however, imports more than doubled.

Liquid and Dried Egg Products in metric tons

	Exports		Imports	
	1998	2002	1998	2002
Belgium	29,368*	10,297	5,712*	15,451
France	22,550	23,667	22,865	20,854
Germany	10,865	15,270	30,795	39,479
India	1,800	15,792	0	0
Japan	6	42	14,471	21,088
Netherlands	30,175	58,566	4,493	6,214
Switzerland	1	12	11,031	10,739
UK	2,950	8,997	5,848	13,314
US	20,557	20,668	1,513	4,349

*1998 Belgium-Luxembourg
FAOSTAT

According to the US Department of Commerce, US egg product imports (HS codes 0408, 350211, 350219)) totaled 2,360.6 metric tons in 1998 and 7,257.1 MT in 2002, substantially higher than FAO's data. Imports totaled 5,909.0 MT in 2003 and 5,567.5 MT for January-August 2004.

Source: United Nation Food and Agriculture Organization and US Department of Commerce

Smuggled Birds Increase Risk of Avian Influenza Spreading

Customs officials intercepted a pair of small mountain hawk eagles during a random check at an airport in Brussels, Belgium, on October 18, 2004. The passenger had flown from Bangkok to Vienna on October 17 and then to Brussels on October 18. The birds were hidden in plastic tubes in carry-on luggage. The small eagles were confiscated and taken to the airport customs inspection center (PIF) where they were examined by an official veterinarian of the Federal Agency for Food Chain Safety (AFSCA). The eagles were destroyed and sent to the Belgian diagnostic and reference laboratory for avian influenza for further tests.

The birds tested positive for avian influenza H5N1, the same strain that is circulating in Southeast Asia. As a precautionary measure, about seven hundred birds, mostly canaries and parrots, which were in the animal quarantine area of the airport, were destroyed. Since the two infected birds never left the accredited quarantine centers, they did not pose a threat to the European poultry population.

Belgium and other EU countries have banned imports of live birds and bird products from several Asian nations. In 2003, an outbreak of a different strain of highly pathogenic avian influenza resulted in the cull of 30 million birds in the Netherlands, Belgium and Germany.

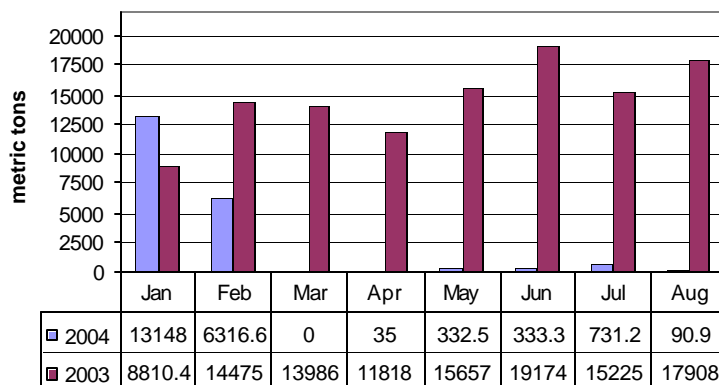
Source: news wires

Labeling Requirements for Exports to China

Preliminary information indicates that additional labeling requirements will go into effect for all meat and poultry and meat and poultry products departing the U.S. on or after December 1, 2004. For details, go to: http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations_&Policies/export_information/index.asp

Source: USDA/FSIS Library of Export Requirements

U.S. Poultry Exports to China



Source: U.S. Department of Commerce

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending October 23, 2004		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2004	2003 1/	2004 2/	2003
Liquid	617	458	14,182	13,992
Frozen	0	0	11	96
Dried	10	41	598	471
Total	627	499	14,791	14,559

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending October 23, 2004		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2004	2003 1/	2004 2/	2003
Liquid	41	103	7,050	4,724
Frozen	48	39	1,460	2,982
Dried	0	0	1,853	1,063
Total	89	142	10,363	8,769

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending October 23, 2004		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2004	2003 1/	2004 2/	2003
Jumbo	14	17	392	404
Extra Large	1,500	1,320	157,334	26,002
Large	2,825	5,910	318,618	104,696
Medium	1,609	1,320	104,834	50,532
Ungraded	15,528	3,540	275,136	158,378
Misc	0	780	16,790	14,222
Total	21,476	12,887	873,104	354,234

1/ Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

2/ Includes revisions to previous week(s).

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 23-Oct-04
(PRELIMINARY)**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
Head	1,462	1,501	2,963
Last Week	1,305	1,522	2,827
Same week yr ago	1,137	1,383	2,520
To-date/2004	57,341	57,025	114,366
To-date/2003	61,438	59,179	120,617

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
Head	379	20	399
Last Week	82	0	82
Same week yr ago	100	4	104
To-date/2004	10,102	119	10,221
To-date/2003	9,709	137	9,846

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
Head	1,841	1,521	3,362
Last Week	1,387	1,522	2,909
Same week yr ago	1,237	1,387	2,624
To-date/2004	67,443	57,144	124,587
To-date/2003	71,147	59,316	130,463

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

		Oct 29, 2004		
		PRICES	VOLUME	
		(Cents per Pound)		

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

		Oct 29, 2004		
		PRICES	VOLUME	
		(Cents per Pound)		

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	19.00	40,800	-
WTD AVERAGE		19.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.75-22.00	11.00-19.00	2,548,400	1,366,800
WTD AVERAGE	16.21	12.98		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	15.75	81,600	-
WTD AVERAGE		15.75		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

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15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

		Oct 29, 2004		
		PRICES	VOLUME	
		(Cents per Pound)		

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	18.50-25.00	19.50-22.00	828,000	468,000
WTD AVERAGE	22.11	21.44		
15-20%				
RANGE	17.00-27.00	17.50-20.00	2,652,000	1,612,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.86	19.04		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	17.50	200,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		17.50		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 29 OCTOBER 2004.

The market on fresh white meat was steady to fully steady, mostly steady. Demand light to fair. Offerings light to adequate. The market on frozen tom breast meat was fully steady on new production, steady to fully steady on product with 3-6 months age. Demand light to fair. Offerings of frozen tom breast meat from new production short of buyers' needs, 3-6 months age light to adequate. Interest was noted from Canada on fresh tom breast meat for both current and deferred shipments and also on frozen tom breast meat. The market on the balance of frozen white meat was steady to firm. Demand fair for the short to light offerings. The market on non-Russian thigh meat and mechanically separated turkey and thigh meat was steady to barely steady. Demand light to moderate with offerings in a full range. Trading centered on moderate volumes of mechanically separated turkey for domestic and export shipments and on a moderate volume of fresh tom breast meat for domestic shipments, balance light. For domestic: livers 22.50 delivered pet foods, fresh tom wings 57 cents delivered. Fresh thigh meat traded at 88 cents delivered export.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2004**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	39.00		39.00	40	39.00	160
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		M	22.00	208	22.00	208
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	18.50-21.00		19.71	512	19.71	512
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	78.00-82.00		79.74	184	79.40	600

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2004**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		T	39.00	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		M	22.00	208
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	20.58	144
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	78.00		78.00	208

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2004**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		T	39.00	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		M	22.00	208
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	20.58	144
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	80.50	208

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2004**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	39.00		39.00	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		M	22.00	208
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	20.58	144
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	80.50	208

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2004**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	40.00	104
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	22.00		22.00	208
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	20.58	144
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	80.00-81.00		80.50	208

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.